

# Starter Question

Rewrite this expression in terms of  $\log x$ ,  $\log y$  and  $\log z$ :

$$\log \frac{x^2 \sqrt{y}}{z^4}$$

$$2 \log x + \frac{1}{2} \log y - 4 \log z$$

$$\text{Solve } 1 + 2 \log_3 x = \log_3 (5x + 2).$$

Hint:

$$x=2, \text{ as } x \neq -\frac{1}{3}$$

# Q

# Kinematics

## Q1

Understand and use the language of kinematics: position; displacement; distance travelled; velocity; speed; acceleration.

Assessed at AS and A-level

## Teaching guidance

Students should be able to:

- understand positions described relative to a given origin
- understand and describe the position of a particle through a combination of its initial position and a displacement
- demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the vector quantities displacement and velocity and their associated scalar quantities distance and speed
- understand average speed and average velocity.

## Q2

Understand, use and interpret graphs in kinematics for motion in a straight line: displacement against time and interpretation of gradient; velocity against time and interpretation of gradient and area under the graph.

Assessed at AS and A-level

## Teaching guidance

Students should be able to:

- use the gradient of a displacement-time graph to find the velocity (or speed)
- use the gradient of a velocity-time graph to find the acceleration and interpret positive and negative gradients
- understand that graphs may include negative velocities
- use the area under a velocity-time graph to find displacement
- sketch either a displacement-time or velocity-time graph for a given scenario.

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## Definitions

**Position**  $\square$  *a vector*: the distance and direction from the origin O.

**Displacement**  $\square$  *a vector*: the change of position

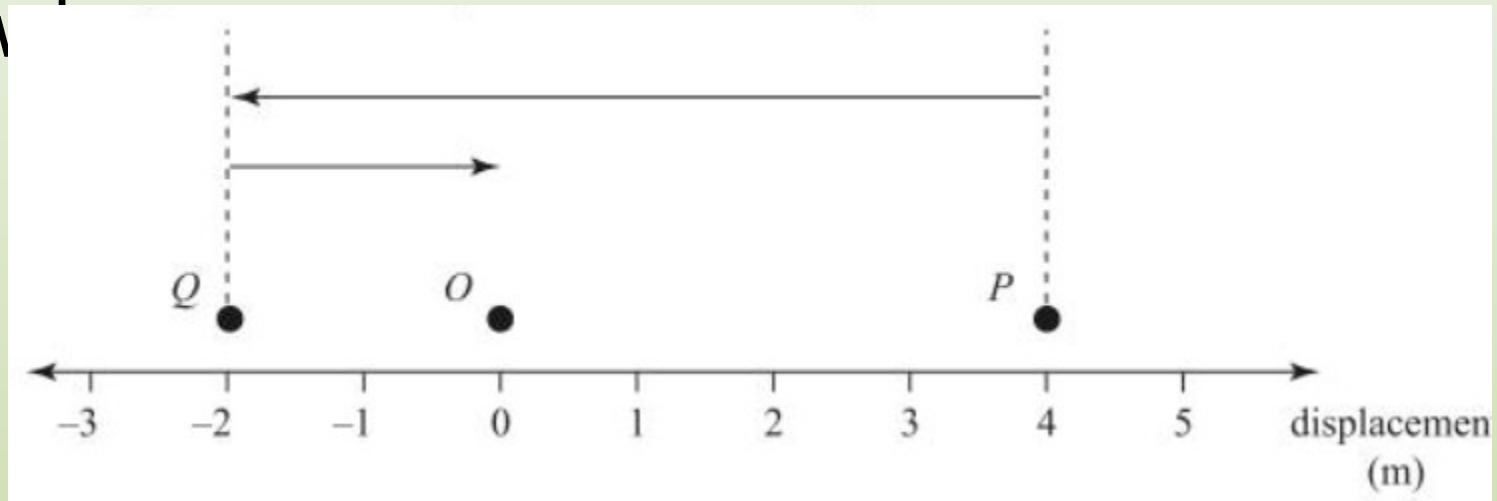
**Distance**  $\square$  *a scalar*: the magnitude of the displacement (provided there is no change of direction when moving position)

**Velocity**  $\square$  *a vector*: the rate of change of displacement

**Speed**  $\square$  *a scalar*: the magnitude of velocity

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It is important to distinguish between displacement and distance. Consider the following



The diagram shows displacement = -6 from position 4 to position -2, then displacement = 2 from position -2 to position 0 (the origin). The resultant displacement is

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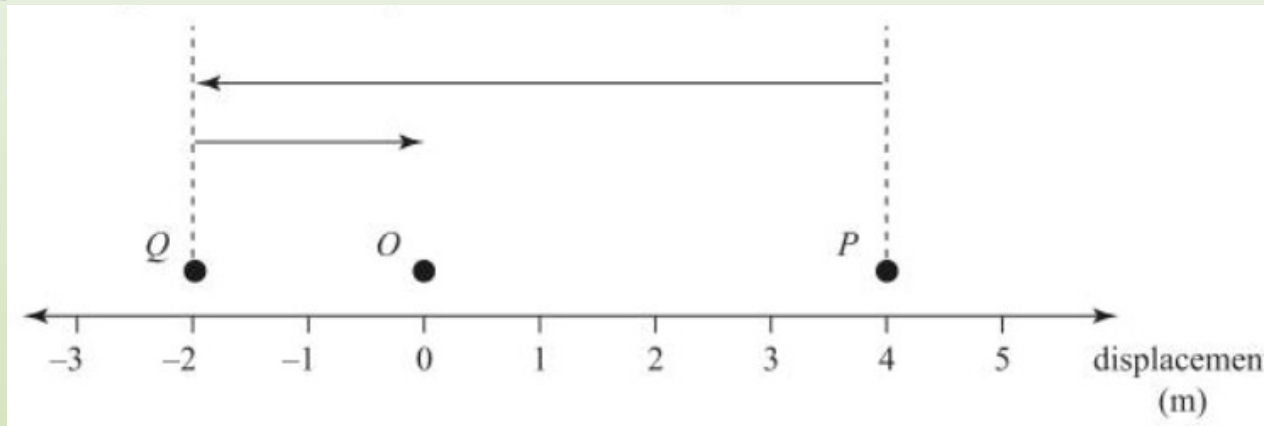
Similarly, there is a difference between average velocity and average speed. Average speed does not take into account the direction of motion. Hence:

$$\text{Average Velocity} = \frac{\text{Resultant Displacement}}{\text{Total Time}}$$

$$\text{Average Speed} = \frac{\text{Total Distance}}{\text{Total Time}}$$

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So, using the previous scenario of a particle travelling from  $P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow O$  in a total time of 10 seconds.

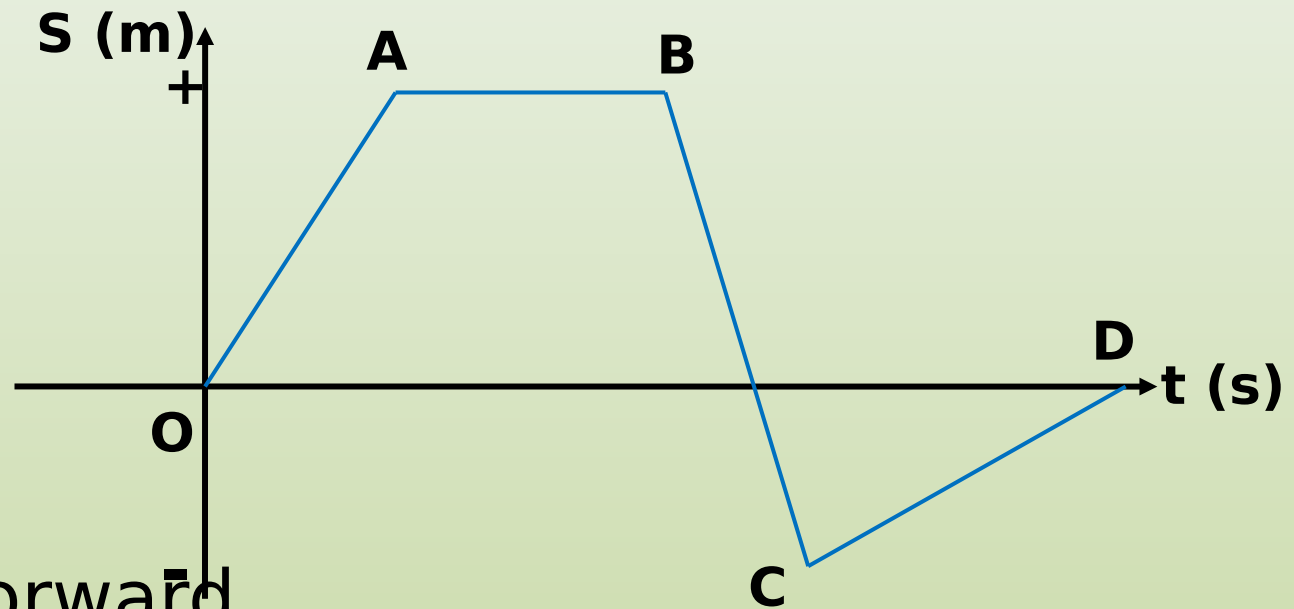


Resultant displacement = -4m

Total distance = 8m

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## Displacement - Time (s-t) Graphs



$OA$  □ moving forward

$AB$  □ stationary

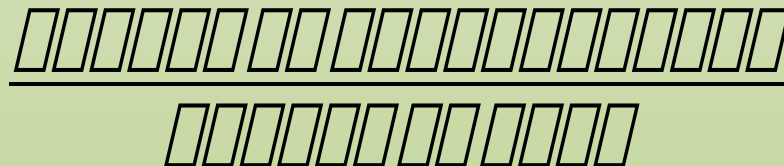
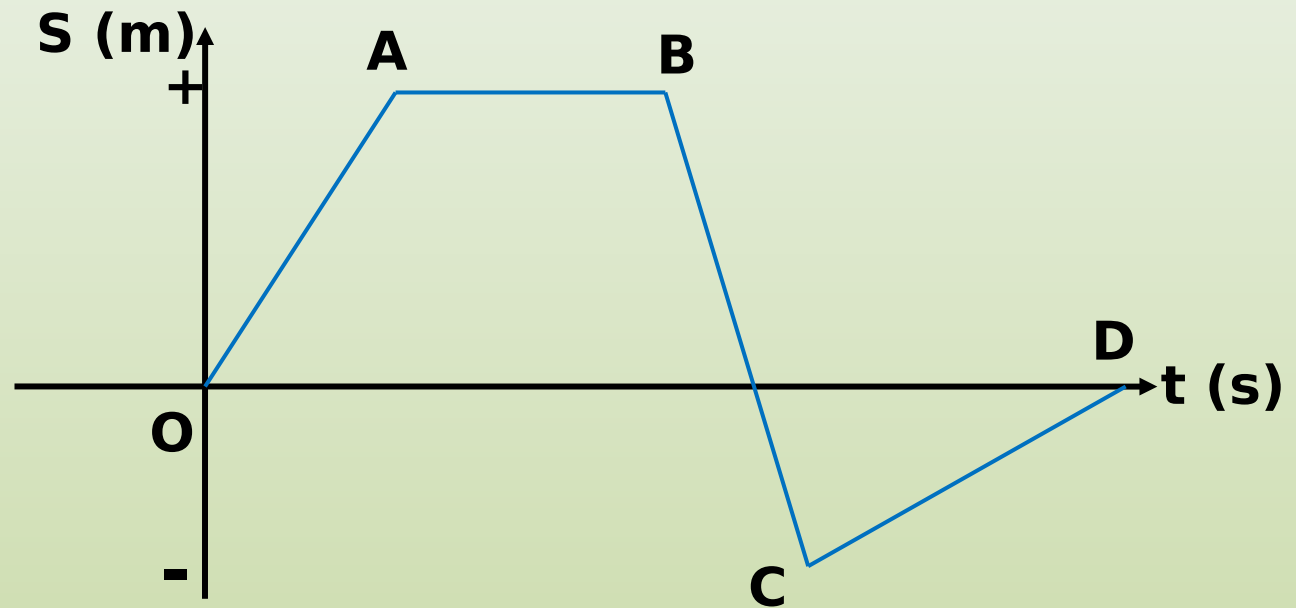
$BC$  □ moving backwards (faster than forward)

$CD$  □ moving forward (slower than  $OA$ )



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## Displacement - Time (s-t) Graphs



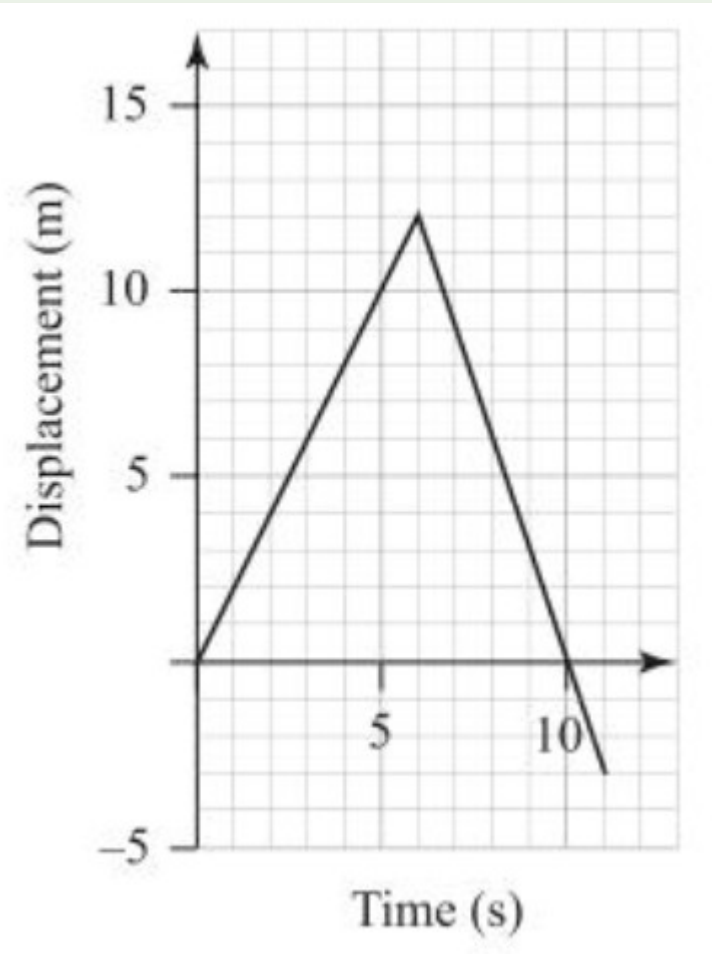
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## Example 1

The graph shows the motion of a particle along a straight line between 0 and 11 seconds. Find:

- a) the displacement and velocity for the first 6 seconds and the final 5

**First 6s:** displacement  
velocity

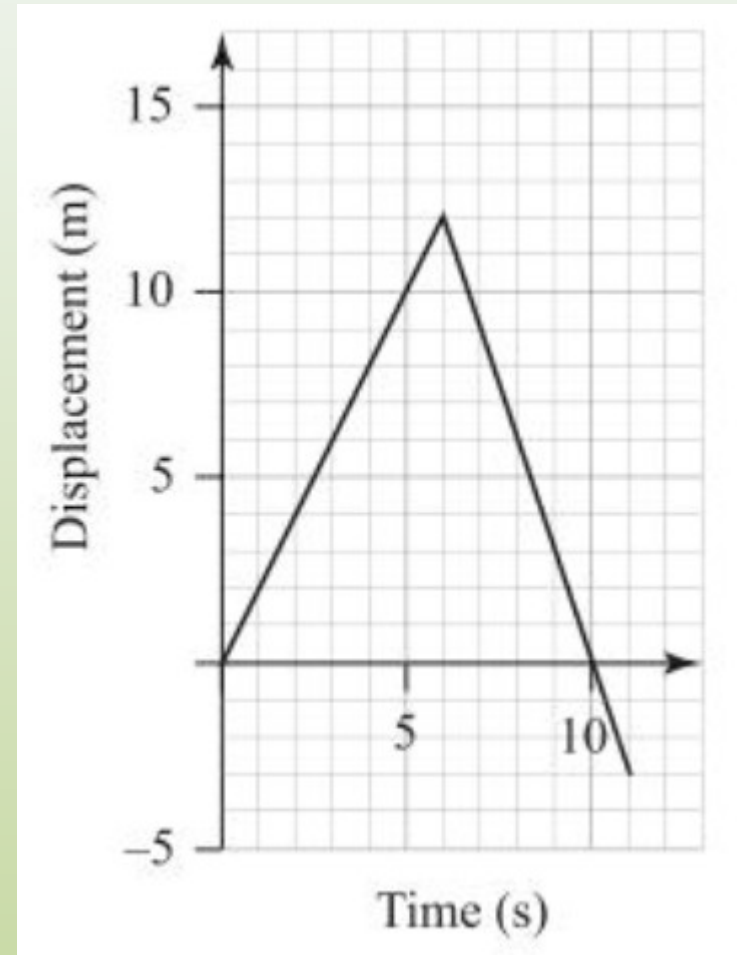


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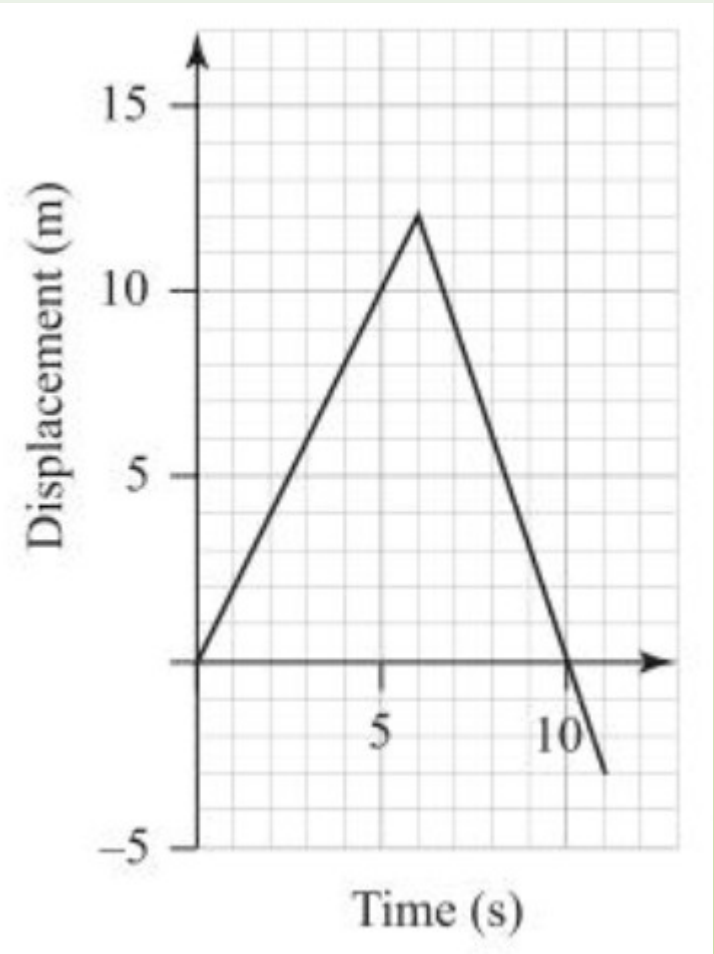


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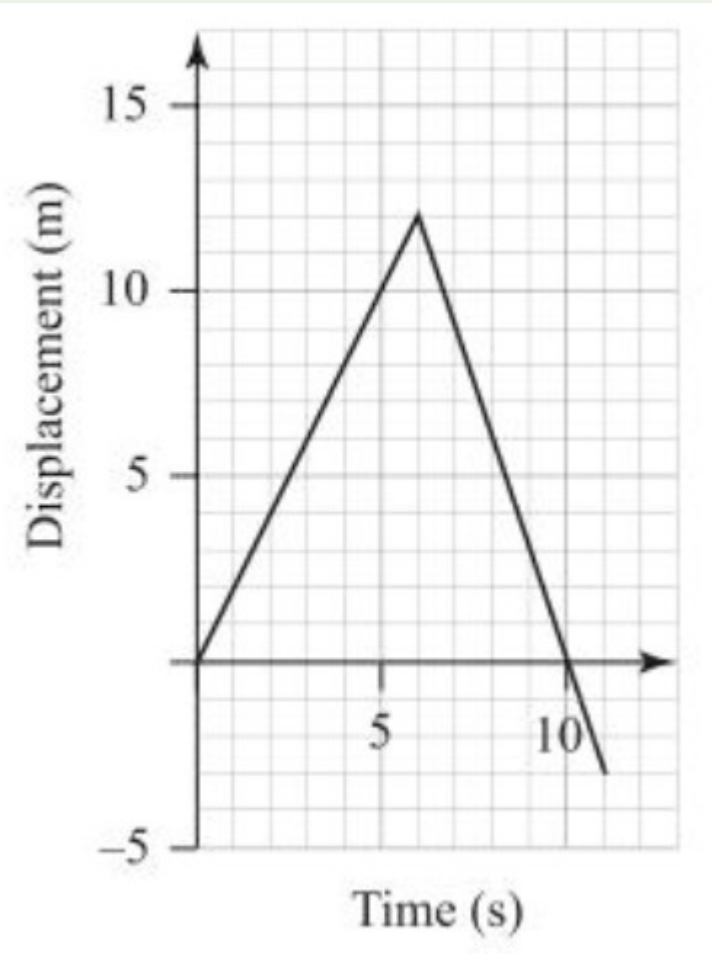


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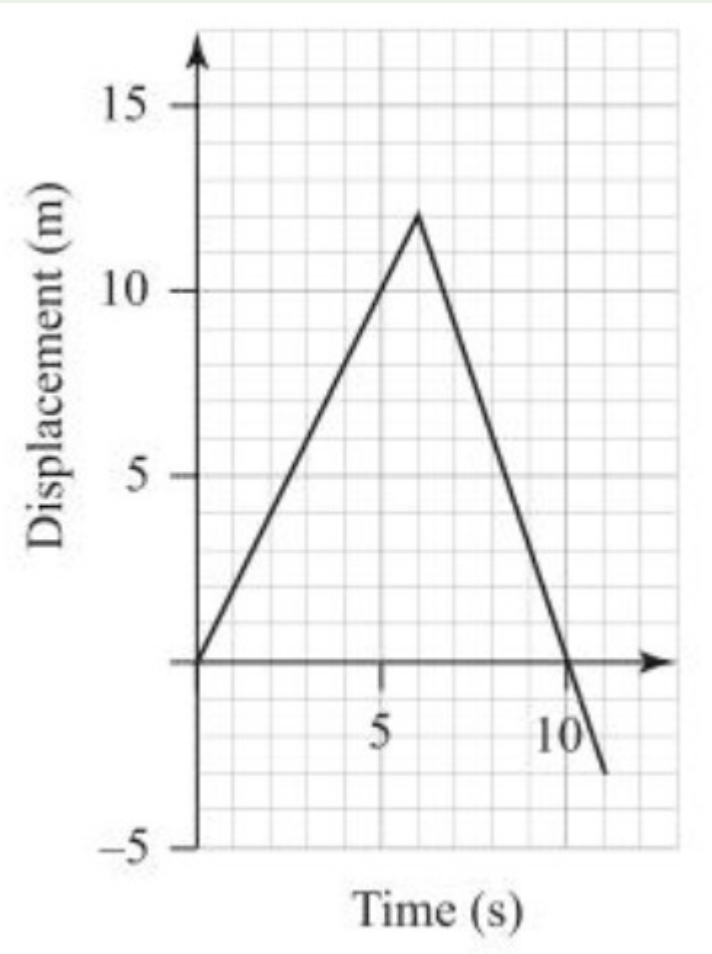


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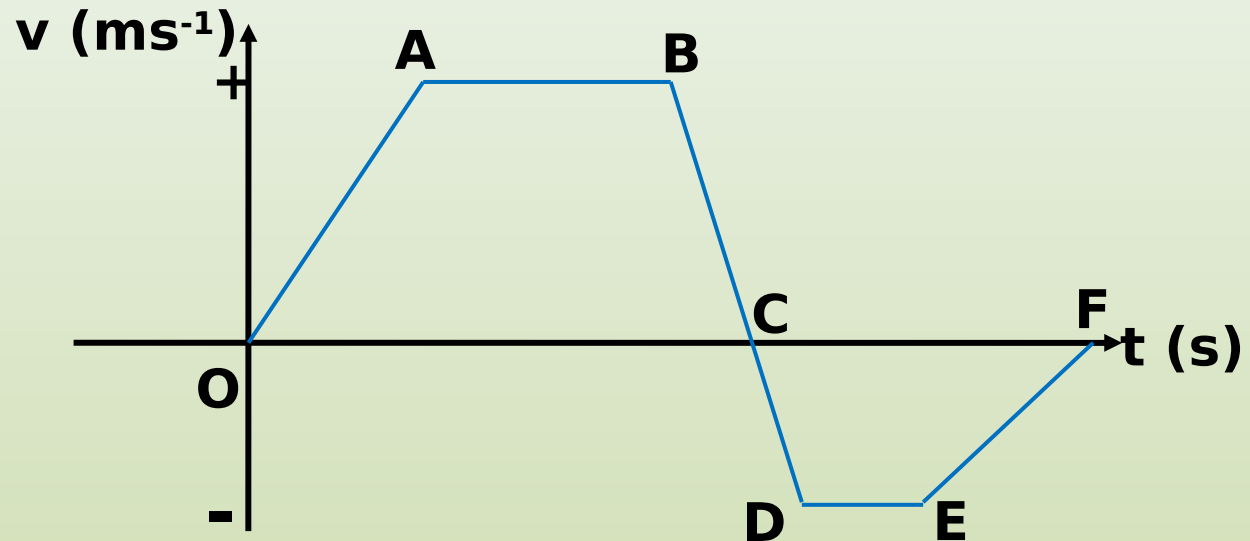
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## Velocity - Time (v-t) Graphs



$OA$  □ increasing velocity, forwards

$AB$  □ constant velocity, forwards

$BC$  □ decreasing velocity, forwards

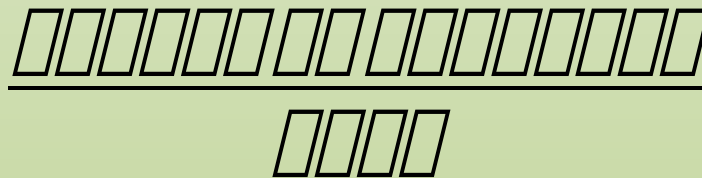
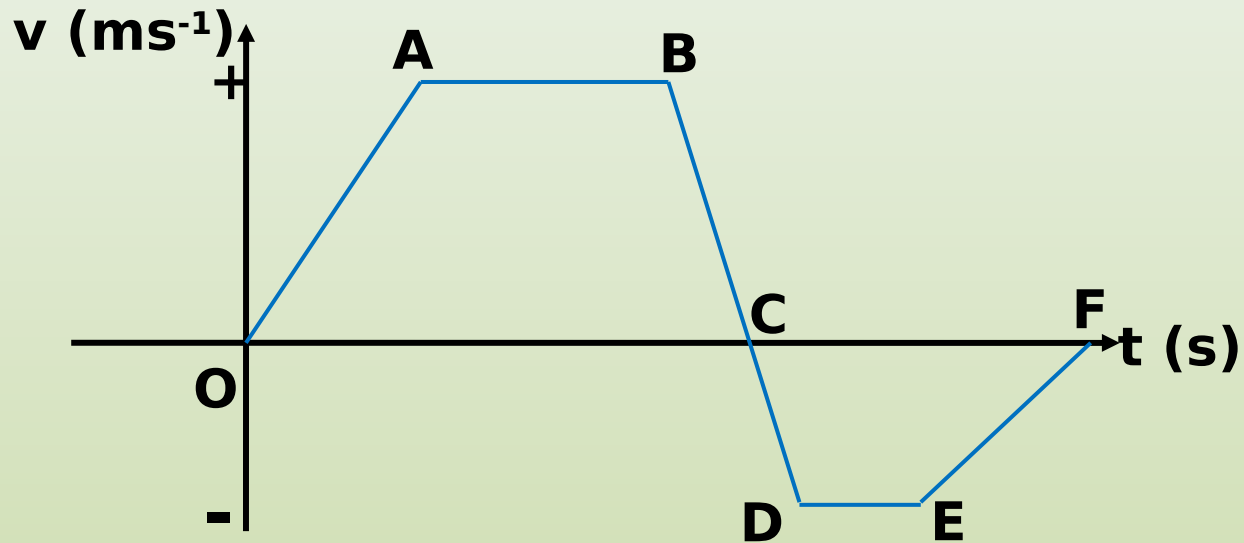
$CD$  □ increasing velocity, backwards

$DE$  □ constant velocity, backwards

$EF$  □ decreasing velocity, backwards

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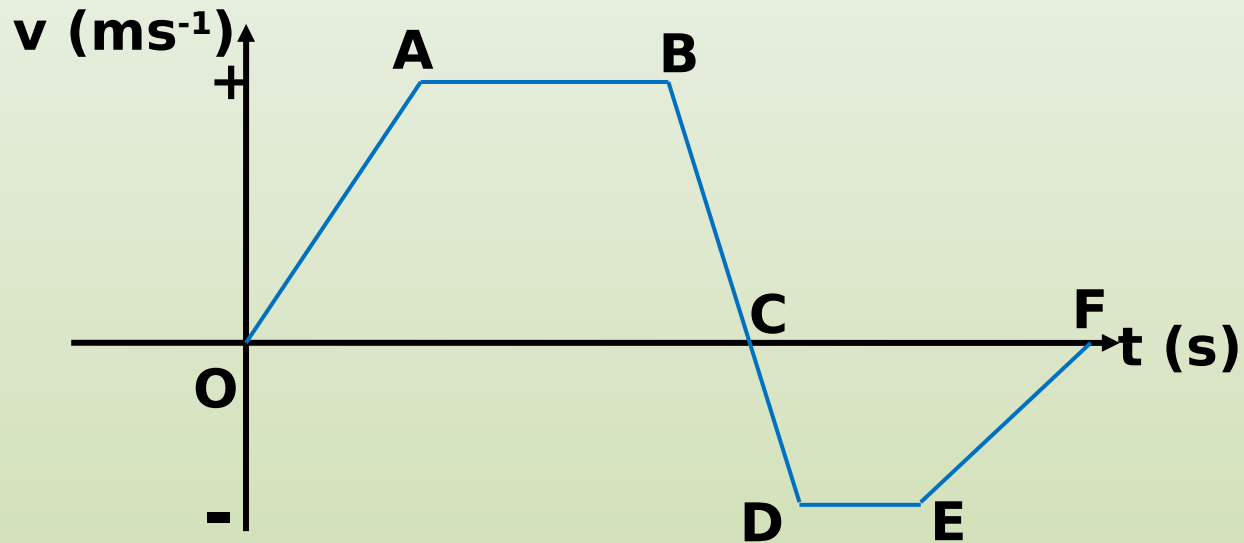
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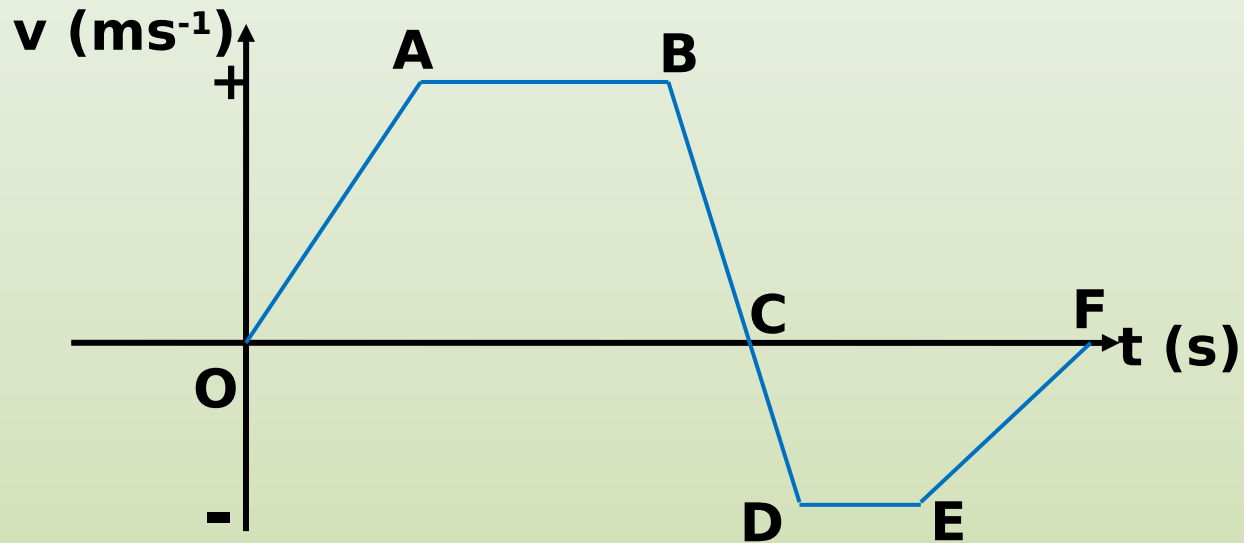


If velocity changes from  $\text{ms}^{-1}$  to  $\text{ms}^{-1}$  in  $t$  **seconds**, then:

acceleration    rate of change of velocity

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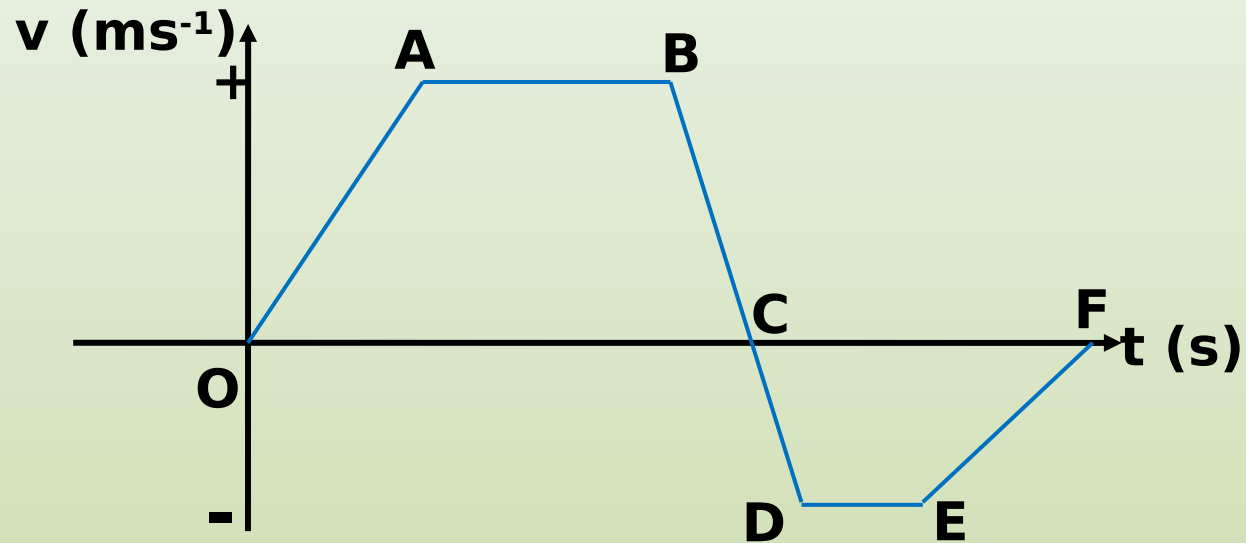
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A negative acceleration is often referred to as a deceleration. In the graph above,  $OA$  is accelerating and  $BC$  is decelerating.

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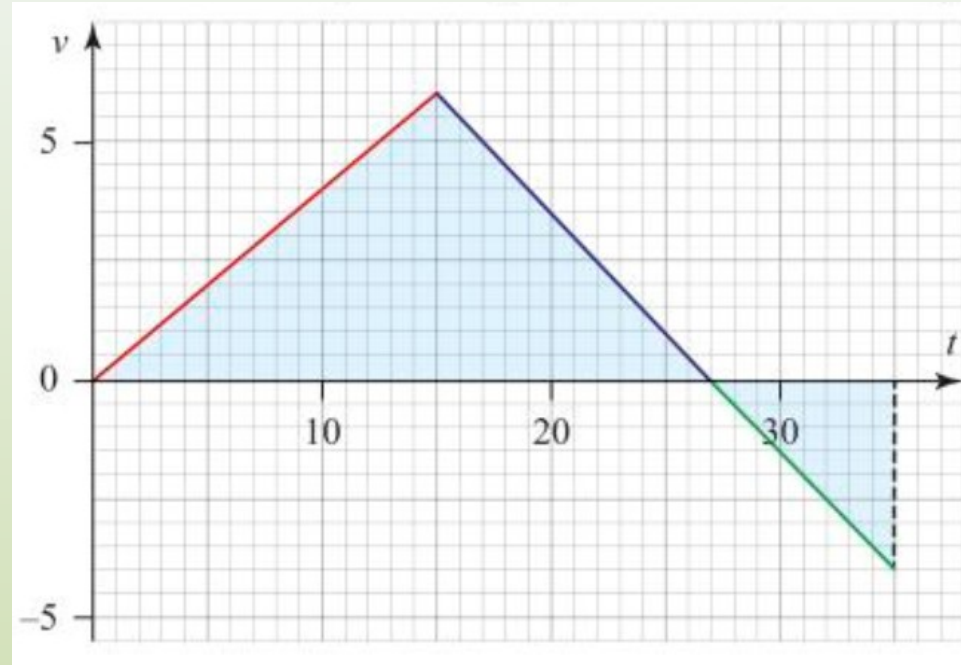
The area between the - graph and the -axis is the displacement

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## Example 2

a) Calculate the acceleration during:

- i. the first 15 seconds



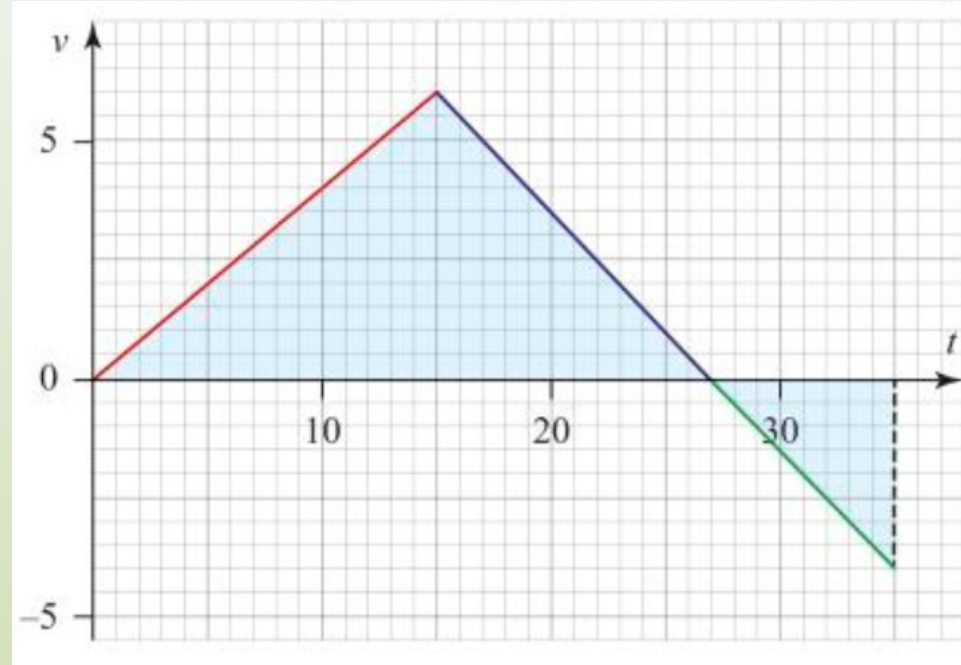
Acceleration = change in velocity  
change in time

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## Example 2

a) Calculate the acceleration during:

ii. the remaining 20s



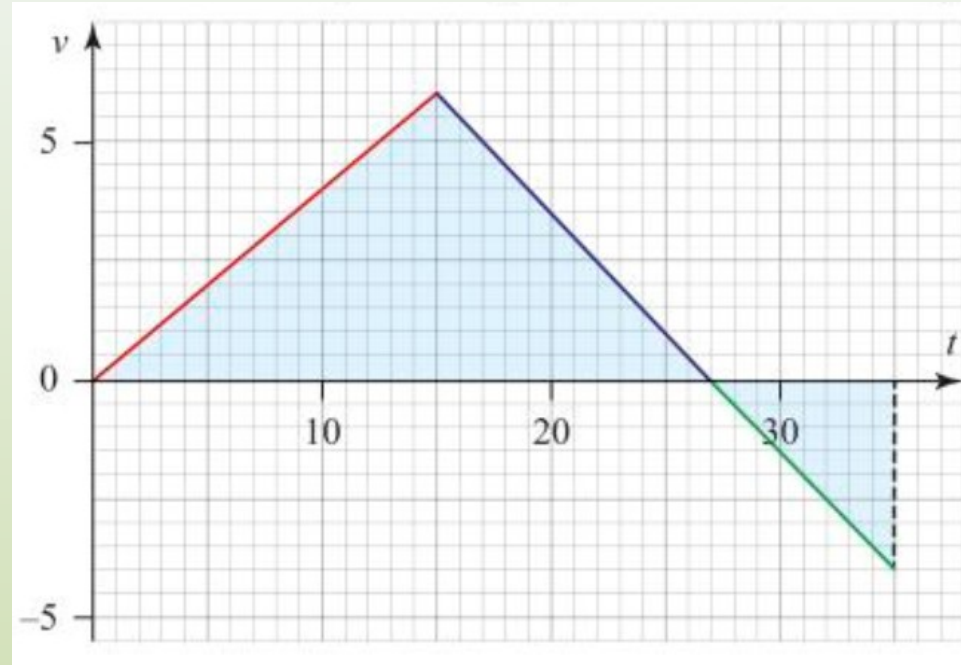
$$a = \frac{-4 - 6}{35 - 15} = -\frac{10}{20} = -0.5 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

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## Example 2

b) Calculate:

- i. the resultant displacement



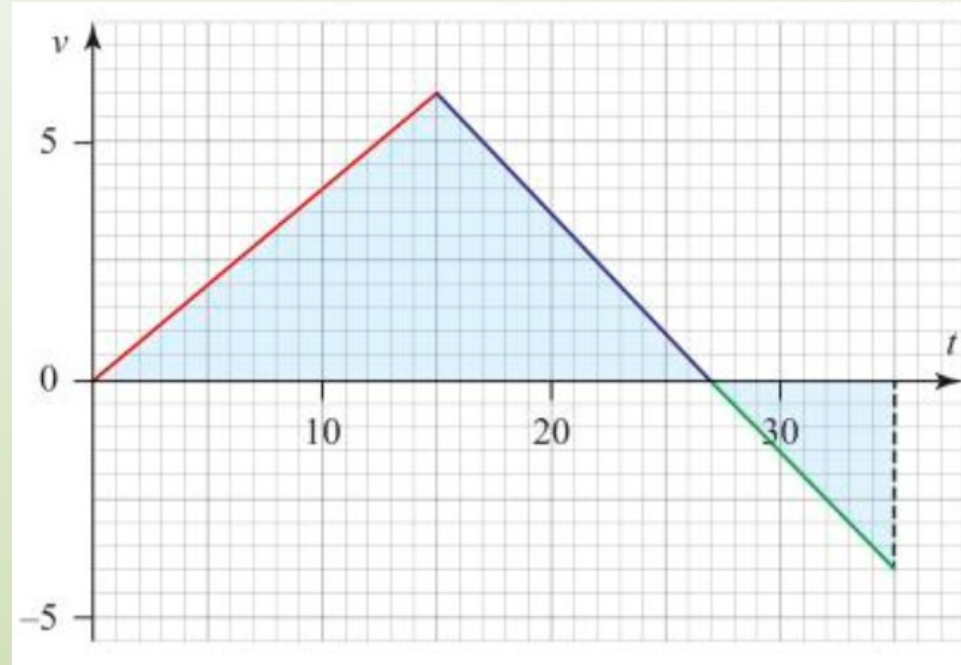
In the first 27s, the object is moving forward.  
Displacement = area under the graph  
 $= \frac{1}{2} \text{ base} \times \text{height}$

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b) Calculate:

- i. the resultant displacement



In the last 8s, the object moves backwards:

Displacement =  $\frac{1}{2}$  base x height

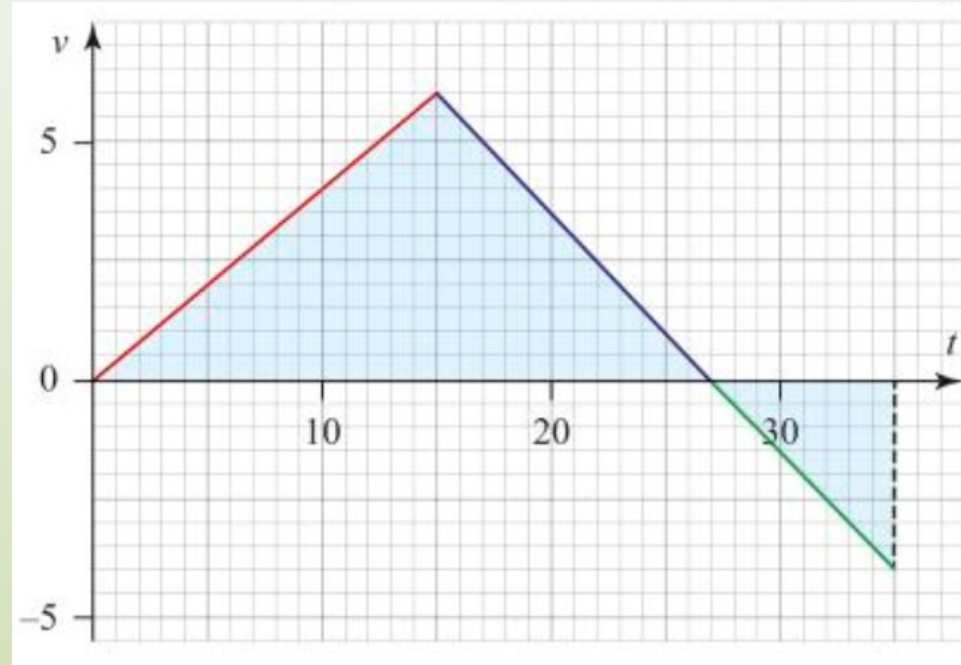
resultant displacement

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b) Calculate:

ii. the total distance travelled



From part b) i)

Distance forward = 81m

Distance backward = 16m

total distance travelled =  $81 + 16 = 97\text{m}$



# Example 3

A van moves from rest on a straight horizontal road.

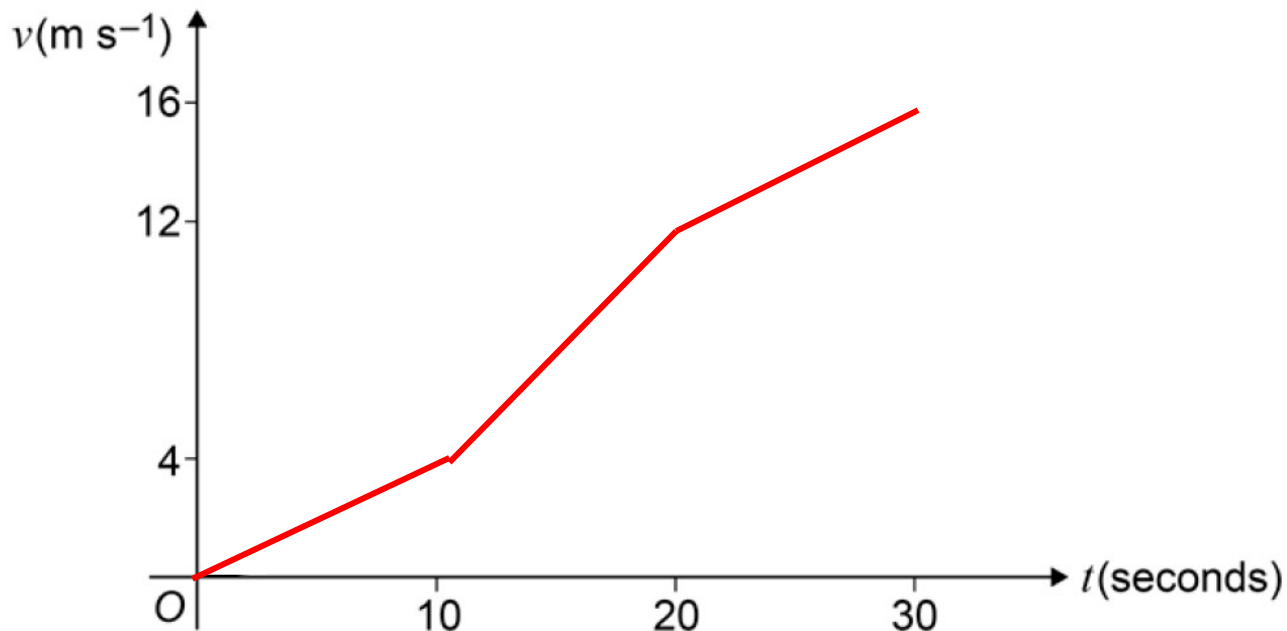
- (a) In a simple model, the first 30 seconds of the motion are represented by three separate stages, each lasting 10 seconds and each with a constant acceleration.

During the first stage, the van accelerates from rest to a velocity of  $4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

During the second stage, the van accelerates from  $4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  to  $12 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

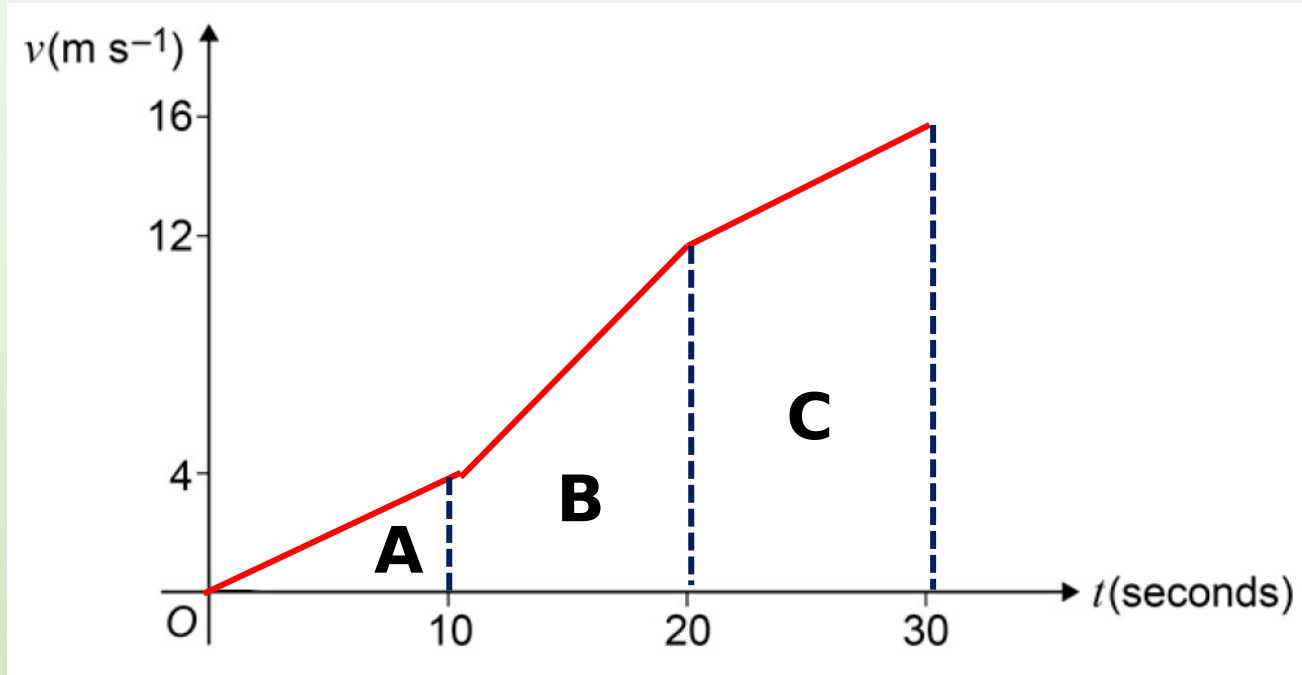
During the third stage, the van accelerates from  $12 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  to  $16 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

- (i) Sketch a velocity-time graph to represent the motion of the van during the first 30 seconds of its motion.



# Example 3

(ii) Find the total distance that the van travels during the 30 seconds.



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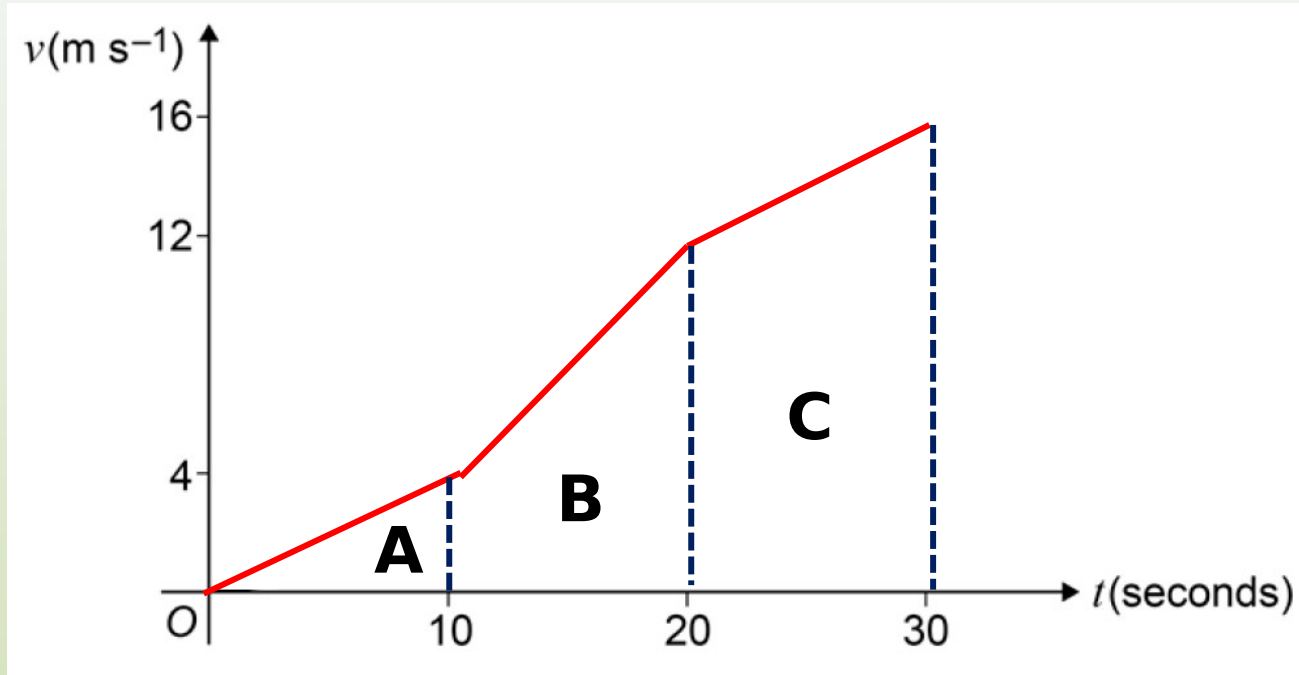
Area B =

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total distance  
travelled

## Example 3

(iii) Find the greatest acceleration of the van during the 30 seconds.



greatest acceleration is the greatest gradient.  
This occurs between 10 and 20 seconds.

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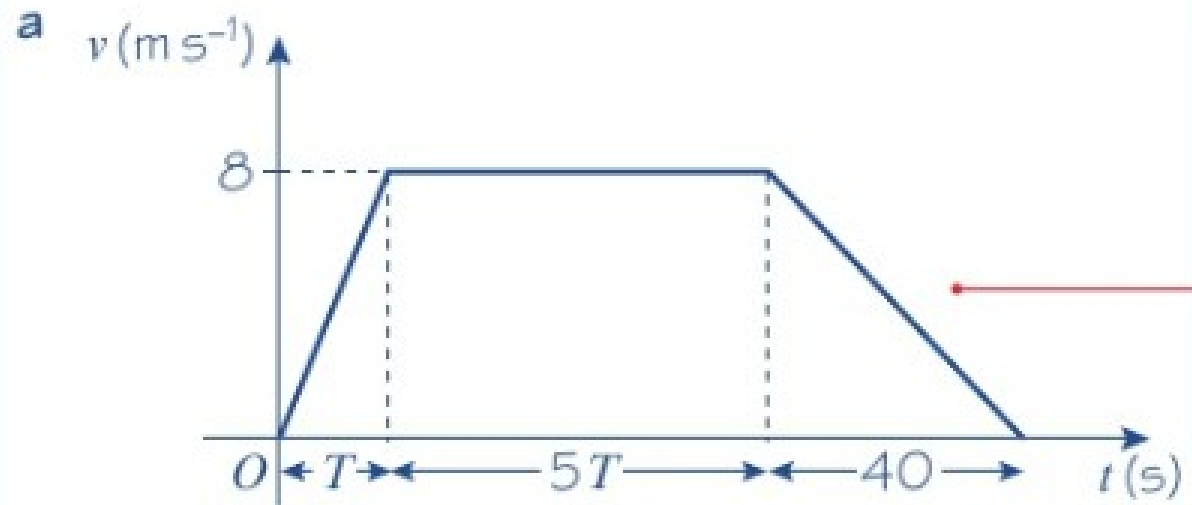
## Example 4a

A particle moves along a straight line. The particle accelerates uniformly from rest to a velocity of  $8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  in  $T$  seconds. The particle then travels at a constant velocity of  $8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  for  $5T$  seconds. The particle then decelerates uniformly to rest in a further 40 s.

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Given that the total displacement of the particle is 600 m:

**b** find the value of  $T$ .



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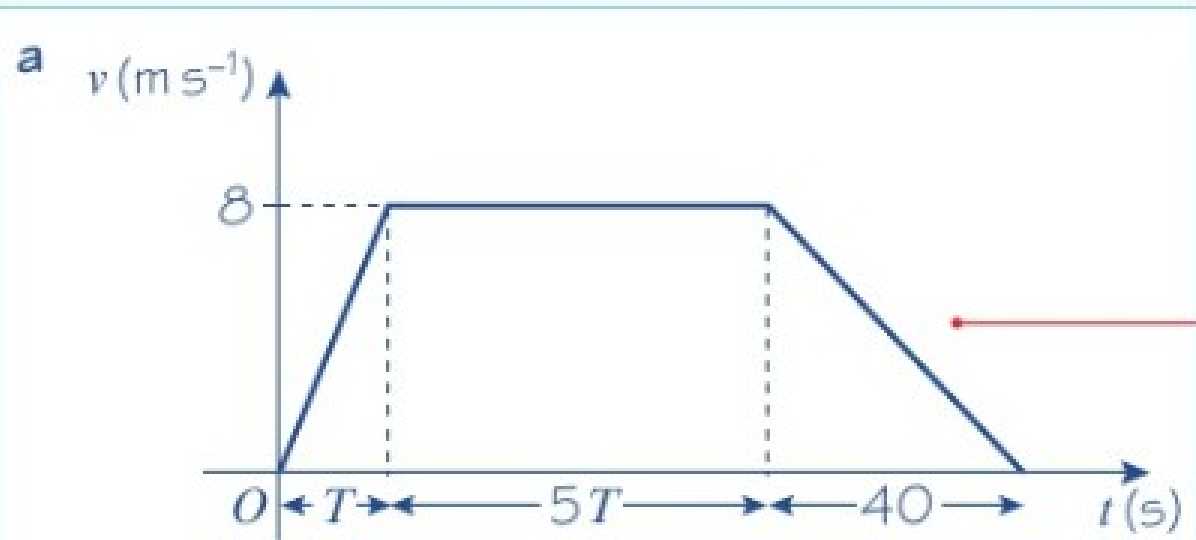
## Example 4b

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## Easier:

- June 2008
- Jan 2011
- June 2013

## Most challenging:

- Integral Qs
- Challenge Qs

## Medium:

- Jan 2006
- Jan 2007
- Jan 2009
- June 2010
- Jan 2011

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## Challenge Question

5 A car is initially at rest. On a short journey the car

- I. accelerates uniformly for  $T$  seconds to a speed of  $20 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ ,
- II. then travels at this speed for a period of time,
- III. then decelerates uniformly for  $2T$  seconds before coming to rest.

(a) In one journey the car moves for a total of 40 seconds and travels a total of 620 m. Using this information:

sketch a velocity-time graph and hence, or otherwise, find  $T$ ; *(5 marks)*

(b) In the case when  $T = 5$ , find the time that it would take the car to complete a 1000 m journey. *(3 marks)*



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5 (a)(i)



$$620 = \frac{1}{2} \times (40 + (40 - 3T)) \times 20$$

$$620 = 800 - 30T$$

$$T = 6 \text{ seconds}$$

B1 B1

M1 A1

A1

(5)

M1: use of area under graph to find  $T$

(b)

$$1000 = \frac{1}{2} \times (t + (t - 15)) \times 20$$

$$100 = 2t - 15$$

$$t = 57.5 \text{ seconds}$$

M1 A1

A1

(3)

M1: forming equation for  $t$  based on area under graph